

NEWS IN BRIEF

Public safety levy supporters to meet

DALLAS — Those wanting to find out more about the campaign supporting the Polk County public safety levy can attend a meeting of the Friends and Neighbors for a Safe and Prosperous Community political action committee Thursday.

The meeting will take place at Pressed Wine and Coffee Bar, 788 Main St., Dallas, at 7 p.m.

Last month, the Polk County Board of Commissioner placed a 45 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value property tax levy on the May 19 ballot. The levy is projected to restore 22 full-time equivalent positions in the Polk County Sheriff's Office patrol and jail division and the Polk County District Attorney's Office. In addition, the Juvenile Department will be able to rent two more juvenile detention beds and Community Corrections will be able to provide more managers for community service crews.

For more information: Gene or Lynette Henshaw, 503-623-5759.

Delays expected along Highway 18

GRAND RONDE — Travelers may experience delays on a 10-mile stretch of Highway 18 in the H.B. Van Duzer State Scenic Corridor that includes part of northwestern Polk County while crews remove unhealthy trees.

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will be working under an agreement with Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) on the three-day project, to begin Tuesday and continue Feb. 25-26, weather permitting. The tree removal will occur during daylight hours, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

ODOT crews will cut down dead trees that pose a threat to traffic along sections of the highway from milepost 8.5 in Lincoln County to milepost 19 near Grand Ronde in Polk County. Most trees will be left where they fall to decompose naturally.

When crews cut trees that could fall on the road, the highway will be closed in both directions for a short time. After crews safely remove those trees, flaggers and a pilot car will control traffic through the area. Travelers should plan on delays of no longer than 20 minutes.

Arts group wants to hear from you

MONMOUTH — The Monmouth Arts and Culture Commission wants to hear from residents about their interests in local performances, art exhibits and classes.

A short survey is available online to let the city know what kind of art interests you. The survey does request contact information to add respondents to an email list.

To take the survey: www.surveymonkey.com/s/MonmouthArts.

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Spring Teaser



JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer

Ryan Settle, left, catches a pass and looks for room to run in a game of touch football with friends at Western Oregon University Monday. Settle and, from left, Ryan Murray, Will Paige, Zeb Amos and Blake Suh (not pictured) took advantage of Monday's warm temperatures to play a quick game between classes. It looks as though there will be plenty more opportunities to enjoy sun and warm weather as the forecast predicts higher-than-normal temperatures continuing for most of the next week with little chance for rain.

'Family Weekend' slated at WOU

Itemizer-Observer staff report

MONMOUTH — Packs of families will converge on Western Oregon University's campus Friday through Sunday for WOU's Family Weekend Getaway.

The event, which kicks off Friday with registration at 5 p.m. at the Werner University Center, is not just for students, but open to all in the WOU family: current students, former students, those with children attending, and local community



partners. Participants are encouraged to grab dinner in downtown Monmouth or Independence before the welcome reception by WOU President Mark Weiss.

Entertainment will be provided by Jonny Zavant, mentalist, at 8 p.m. on Friday in the Werner University Center's Pacific Room.

Saturday's agenda is packed with exercise options, brunch and the annual look-alike competition to see who has the closest resemblance to siblings, parents or even their roommates.

Participants in the family weekend will have a chance

to catch a basketball game between the nationally-ranked Wolves and Simon Fraser on Saturday at 4 p.m. before enjoying discounted movie ticket prices at Independence Cinema.

Other events available for families at WOU include participating in a blood donation event Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and geocaching around campus.

For more information: Angie Barry, 503-838-8064; email to barrya@wou.edu.

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Rest Rooms	Premium/Office	Main Entry	Fair Office	
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				Seminar Area
				Kitchen Food Provided by: Sunrise At Your Fair of Corvallis Open: Fri @ 12; Sat @ 8am; Sun @ 9am

Main Building

1 Budget Blinds	16 KYKN Radio	30-31-32-33 NW "G" Railroad
2 Mia Bath & Body / Damsel in Defense	17 Polk County Master Gardeners	34 Scentsy
3 Celebrating Home	18 Itemizer-Observer	35 Tupperware
4 House of Floors	19 & 20 Rockstar Hardscapes	38-39-48-49 Home Comfort Inc.
5 Wellness Company / Park Lane Jewelry	21 Gagle's Heating, Air Conditioning and Plumbing	40 Salem Paint Co.
6 Waddell & Reed	22 Hlebelchuk Painting	41 Bruce and Dana
7 Cascade Chimney Sweeps & Masonry	23 & 24 Bathtub Solutions	46 N Hance Wood Renewal
8 & 9 Luster Craft	25 The Vintage Home	47 Renewal by Anderson
10-11-12 Rickreall Farm Supply	26-27-36-37 Clearwater Spas of Salem	Girl Scout Cookies
13 Highway Fuel	28 Beldon Home Solutions	
14 ABB Stoves, LLC	29 Leafguard Northwest	
15 Total Home Solutions		

Seminars

Saturday	11:00 am	Craig at Salem Paint Co ~ "Tips for Refinishing your Deck"
	1:00 pm	Jim Ash of the Vintage Cottage Home ~ "Small Living"
Sunday	11:00 am	Jason from Storm Systems ~ "Mold & Mildew Solutions"
	1:00 pm	Domenica Protheroe M-I Chicken Revolution ~ "Intro to Backyard Hens"

Rosa from Spot's Corner with her charming Bantam Hens

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